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THE FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED IN THE JULY 17 OFFICIAL
VIETNAM PRESS:

QUOTE: FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SPOKESMAN ON RVN -
SENEGAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS:

SAIGON, JULY 16 (VP) -- FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SPOKESMAN
THAI HA CHUNG MONDAY MORNING TERMED AS INACCURATE A NEWS
STORY ALLEGING THAT THE RVN GOVERNMENT HAD SEVERED
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL.

THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THAT LAST SATURDAY THE CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES AT THE RVN EMBASSY IN DAKAR MET WITH THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE SENEGALESE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY TO PRESENT
FACTS ON SOUTH VIET-NAM IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THE
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SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT TO RENOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE

THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
PARIS AGREEMENT, INTERNATIONAL ACT AND THE JUNE 13 JOINT
COMMUNIQUE ON VIET-NAM.

MR. DANG NGOC TRAN, RVN AMBASSADOR TO SENEGAL IS NOW
PRESENT IN SAIGON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. CHUNG DISCLOSED THAT PROGRESS AT THE MEETING BETWEEN
THE RVN AND SENEGALESE REPRESENTATIVES WAS DESCRIBED AS
FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH REPORTS ON RESULT OF THIS MEETING WERE NOT
AVAILABLE AS YET.

AT A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE INFORMATION CENTER, MR. CHUNG
ALSO MADE KNOWN THAT THE RVN FRIDAY SENT TO SENEGAL AN OFFICIAL
LETTER SHOWING FACTS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM REJECTING THIS
COUNTRY'S ARGUMENT BASED ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT, INTERNATIONAL
ACT AND THE JUNE 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT THERE ARE TWO
GOVERNMENTS, TWO ARMED FORCES AND TWO AREAS OF CONTROL IN
SOUTH VIET-NAM.

THE LETTER MADE CLEAR THAT THE RVN GOVERNMENT IS THE SOLE
LEGITIMATE AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH FULL SOVEREIGNTY
OVER THE TERRITORY AND POPULATION OF SOUTH VIET-NAM. UNQUOTE
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